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PSYOP GP; HANDLE AS "SPECAT EXCLUSIVE."

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PSYOP PRESSURE CAMPAIGN

REF: A. STATE 61857/040259Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

B. VIENTIANE 2839/121035Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC 130353Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

D. STATE 75864/211901Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

E. BANGKOK 9982/271001Z JUN 73 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS ON STEPPED-UP PSYOP PRESSURE CAM-
PAIGN FOR NVA TROOPS WITHDRAWALS, AND FULL DRV/PRC COMPLIANCE WITH
TERMS OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENTS, AND ALSO ON RLG'S CAPABILITIES TO
INCORPORATE PROPOSED OBJECTIVES INTO EFFECTIVE PSYOP PROGRAMS.
REF B REVIEWED RLG'S CURRENT CAPACITY TO CONDUCT EFFECTIVE
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN PURSUIT OF OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN REF
A AND PROPOSED, IN ADDITIONA TO OTHER PSYOP MEASURES, INITIATING
FROM WITHIN THAI AISPACE HIGH ALTITUDE WIND-DRIFT LEAFLET
OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA CONCENTRATIONS IN LAOS. REF C

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RECOMMENDED INTER ALIA RESUMPTION OF FOUNTAIN PEN STRATEGIC

PSYOP CAMPAIGN (INCLUDING TRAIL AREA). REF D STATED PROPOSALS (REFS B AND C) WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND REQUESTED EMBASSY BANGKOK CONSULT WITH RTG IN ORDER TO OBTAIN RTG CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED USAF OPERATIONS IN THAI AIRSPACE. REF E REPORTED RECEIPT RTG MEMORANDUM CONTAINING SUPREME COMMANDER THANOM'S APPROVAL OF PROPOSED HIGH ALTITUDE WIND-DRIFT LEAFLET OPERATIONS.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPORD 5102, REQUEST THAT CINCPAC BE PREPARED, WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THIS OPERATION, TO BEGIN WIND-DRIFTING FOUNTAIN PEN MIX 319 AGAINST NVA TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN LAOS BELOW 20 DEGREES NORTH AT AN INITIAL RATE OF TWO SORTIES PER DAY. SINCE DIRECTION AND FORCE OF UPPER-WINDS WILL LARGELY DETERMINE LEAFLET GROUND PATTERN, CINCPAC IS AUTHORIZED TO ALTER MIX 319 LEAFLET SIZE, SHAPE AND PAPER WEIGHT, AS REQUIRED, TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM TARGET AREA COVERAGE AND TO SUIT CHANGING CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS. EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL DELIVERY OF LEAFLETS ON THAI TERRITORY.

3. REQUEST CINCPAC CONCURRENTLY DIRECT PREPARATION OF INTERIM CHANGES TO OPORD FOUNTAIN PEN/TRAIL TARGET DATA AND SUBMIT SAME FOR MISSION APPROVAL.

4. RLAF ASSETS CONTINUE TO MAKE LIMITED DELIVERIES MIX 319 AGAINST NVA CONCENTRATIONS AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN LIMITS OF FOUNTAIN PEN TARGET AREAS HOTEL, HOTEL (MOD), X-RAY, INDIA, ROMEO, KILO, LIMA AND LIMA (MOD). REPORTS ON TARGET COVERAGE WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY.
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